

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 as follows:

[0002] A plurality of technologies enabling emergency driving about several hundreds kilometers even when a pneumatic tire goes flat while driving a vehicle have been proposed to meet demands from the market. Among these many ~~proposes, proposals,~~ the Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 10(1998)-297226 has proposed a technology which enables run-flat driving by supporting the punctured tire with a core which is attached on a rim inside the cavity section of the pneumatic tire mounted on the rim. This run-flat support (core) is used in such a manner that an annular body structured coaxially with a rim is concentrically attached on the rim. Therefore, this run-flat support (core) can be used as it is substantially without adding any special modification to structures of existing wheels/rims and has an advantage of being acceptable without causing any confusion in the market.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 15 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE~~ BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 as follows:

~~BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF  
THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18 as follows:

[0019] In the present invention, the kind of resin used in a resin layer is not particularly limited. Examples thereof may be fluoroplastics, silicone resin, polyethylene resin, polypropylene resin, polyacetal resin, nylon resin, and the like, which are particularly excellent in lubricity. The method of coating with the resin is not particularly limited, and coating with the resin can be performed by dissolving the resin with a solvent into a solution for application, ~~by melting~~ by melting the resin for application, by forming the resin into a sheet or film for attachment or adhesion, by coating by using thermal shrinkage.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3 as follows:

[0025] The run-flat support 3 includes an annular shell 4 formed of a rigid material such as metal or resin and elastic rings 5 formed of an elastic material such as hard rubber or elastic resin. The annular shell 4 is formed so that two convex portions 4a and 4b, each having a convex surface, are arranged side by side in the tire width direction on the outer peripheral side. The both sidewalls on the inner peripheral side of this annular shell 4 are opened in a fork-shape as legs 6 and 6 respectively. The elastic rings 5 and 5 are attached to end portions thereof. Furthermore, a resin layer 8 with low friction coefficient is provided on the outer peripheral surface of the annular shell 4 so as to cover the two convex portions ~~4a and 4b~~ 4a.